CONFERENCE OF THE EIGHTEEN-NATION COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

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INTERIM REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

(recommended by the co-Chairmen)

1. The Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament submits to the United Nations General Assembly and to the United Nations Disarmament Commission an interim report of the Committee's deliberations on the questions before it for the period 21 February 1967 to 7 December 1967.

2. Representatives of the following States continued their participation in the work of the Committee: Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, India, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.

3. Upon the recommendation of the co-Chairmen, members of the Committee reconvened the Conference on 21 February 1967 and have held two sessions. The first session recessed on 23 March 1967. The second session reconvened on 18 May 1967.

4. In view of the approaching adjournment of the Twenty-Second Session of the UN General Assembly and the need for the Eighteen-Nation Committee to remain in session in order to expedite its work on a draft non-proliferation treaty, the Committee has decided to submit this interim status report to the UNGA and the UNDC.

5. Pursuant to the recommendations of the General Assembly in Resolution 2153A (XXI) the Committee has undertaken intensive consideration of a draft Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Representatives participating in the work of the Committee have made valuable contributions toward achievement of a treaty which would be in conformity with that resolution. These contributions are contained in the public records of the Committee. The Committee has already made substantial progress, although a final draft has not as yet been achieved. Since the Committee has concentrated its major efforts on the elaboration of a non-proliferation treaty, it reports regarding the "Question of general and complete disarmament," General Assembly Resolution 2162C (XXI), and the "Elimination of foreign military bases in the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America," General Assembly Resolution 2165 (XXI), that it

has not been able to devote sufficient time to the consideration of these matters. With respect to the "Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests," General Assembly Resolution 2163 (XXI), the Committee reports that it has held a valuable discussion regarding this matter in which several delegations made important contributions.

6. Since the Committee is continuing its work with a view to negotiating a draft Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, it is unable at this time to provide a report on this question for the consideration of the UNGA or the UNDC. The Committee intends to submit a full report, including all relevant documents, as soon as possible.

This report is submitted by the co-Chairmen on behalf of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament.

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